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FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

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FOR RICHMOND FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OEXC, CZ (PAGE, BENJAMIN)

SUBJECT: IREX PROGRAM

REF: STATE 198745

1. WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE RICHMOND CONTACTING PAGE BY TELEPHONE TO REVIEW ADVISIBILITY LATTER'S PRECEDING TO PRAGUE WITH SON IN VIEW OF FOLLOWING: 1) SON'S MEDICAL AND SCHOOLING PROBLEMS ARE SERIOUS ONES HERE. NOT SURE COMPETENT MEDICAL FACILITIES LOCALLY OBTAINABLE TO TREAT SON SHOULD THAT BE NECESSARY, NOR IF SPECIAL DIET FOODS LOCALLY OBTAINABLE; 2) ENGLISH LANGUAGE HIGH SCHOOL NON-EXISTENT; 3) SON SUBJECT TO LOCAL MILITARY SERVICE BUT MOST IMPORTANT CZECH LAW REGARDS HIM AS CZECH CITIZEN AND HIS NATURAL FATHER'S SON. IN EVENT GOC DECIDES TO ENFORCE ANY OF ITS LAW AFFECTING SON, EMBASSY HAS NO LEVERAGE ON HIS BEHALF, AS BOY NOT AMERICAN CITIZEN. MFA WILL NOT UNDERSTANDABLY GIVE ADVANCE GUARANTEES BOY'S STATUS.

2. SINCE PAGE IS NOT USG EMPLOYEE, WE ARE HESITANT TO PUT PRESSURE ON HIM; AFTER ALL, THE DANGER IS TO HIS OWN FAMILY, FOR WHICH HE HAS RESPONSIBILITY. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT PAGE'S JUDGEMENT, HOWEVER, AND WONDER IF HE REALIZES ALL THE TROUBLES HE MIGHT FACE HERE. WE SUSPECT THAT IF HE CANNOT COME WITHOUT SON, HOW OWN (AND SON'S) BEST INTEREST MAY LIE IN NOT COMING AT ALL.

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3. THEREFORE WE WOULD APPRECIATE CU'S EVALUATING PAGE'S JUDGEMENT AND CANDOR IN CONVERSATION, AS PREVIOUS CABLES RAISE SUBSTANTIAL QUESTIONS ABOUT BOTH BASED ON REVIEW OF FACTS AND CONVERSATION. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO WEIGH ADVISIBILITY OF CANCELLING GRANT.

4. PAGE CASE RAISES QUESTION ADEQUACY IREX PRELIMINARY SCREENING PROCEDURES. THIS IS THIRD SUBSTANTIAL PROBLEM CASE TO COME OUR WAY IN RECENT YEARS INVOLVING PERSONAL-MEDICAL SUITABILITY OR POLITICAL APPROPRIATENESS RESEARCH SUBJECT. BELIEVE PROPER SCREENING BY IREX IN FIRST INSTANCE COULD HELP REDUCE PROBLEMS SUCH AS WE FACED WITH PAGE AND HAVE FACED WITH BLACKMAN, AND BIGGS.  
PERRY

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